

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SECURITY OF WOMEN OF SC/ST COMMUNITY
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated/ proposes to formulate any scheme to provide better facilities and social security to the highly educated women of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes community;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH)

(a)to(c): A number of schemes and programmes are implemented for development of Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs). However, there is no specific scheme for providing better facilities and social security to the highly educated women of SCs & STs Community.

The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment is implementing 'National Overseas Scheme' for providing financial assistance to the finally selected candidates of SC community for pursuing higher studies abroad in specified fields of Master Level Courses and Ph.D in the field of Engineering, Technology and Science in which 30% of the awards are earmarked for women candidates from the selection year 2007-08.